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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	<b>Division of Professional Regulation, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Second Floor Conference Room A, Dover, Delaware</b>
MINUTES APPROVED:	<b>4/26/2017</b>

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Todd Grande, Ph.D., LCDP, **President**  
Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed, D., LPCMH, **Vice-President**  
Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP  
James Elder, LCDP  
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH  
Ruth Banta, Public Member  
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH  
Irvin Bowers, Public Member, **Secretary**

**ALSO PRESENT**

Victoria Steele of Connections  
Shelby Collatrella of A Center for Mental Wellness  
Kenrick Williams of the Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Angela Robinson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Grande called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the February 22, 2017 meeting minutes for approval. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by, Mr. Cooper, to approve the February meeting minutes as written. Dr. Madl-Young abstained. By majority vote, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the February 22, 2017 Legislative Committee meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Vassas, to approve the February Legislative Committee minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Review and Sign Final Order for Frank Gillespie**

The Dr. Grande reviewed and signed the final order for Mr. Gillespie.

### **Review and Sign Final Order for Ronald K. Williams-Garcia**

The Board reviewed and signed the final order for Mr. Williams-Garcia.

### **Review of Tabled Request from Michael Jackson, LACMH**

The Board reviewed and discussed the additional information submitted by Mr. Jackson. They discussed that the additional information Mr. Jackson submitted shows that he has been unsuccessful in obtaining any information from his previous supervisor, Ms. Campbell. Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to table his request to allow time to obtain additional information from Ms. Campbell and approval of the hours and his license if Ms. Williams is able to obtain verbal or written communication from Ms. Campbell verifying Mr. Jackson's hours of supervision. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **Proposed to Deny Hearing for Angela Robinson at 12:15 p.m.**

Dr. Grande called the hearing to order at 12:15 p.m. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Singh addressed the Board regarding the reason for the hearing as the Board proposed to deny Ms. Robinson's application for licensure as a LPCMH as she did not meet the statutory requirements pursuant to 24 Del. C. Section 3032 (a)(2), the supervisor was not an approved supervisor. Ms. Singh sworn in Ms. Robinson. Ms. Robinson provided her testimony before the Board. The Board entered into deliberations at 12:27 p.m. The exited from deliberations at 12:31 p.m. The Board decided to continue the hearing until the April 26, 2017 meeting date. Ms. Singh advised to reopen the agenda topic on HB 82.

### **Update on House Bill No. 82**

Ms. Singh advised that this bill has been introduced, has a sponsor, and is moving forward at this time.

After the proposal to deny hearing, Ms. Singh and the Board discussed amending the current bill to add Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner's as an approved supervisor. Mr. Elder stated that it was not a Board consensus to agree to the Psychiatric NP as another approved supervisor. Dr. Madl-Young suggested adding the language change to apply to both LPCMH and LCPD as well. The Board continued to discuss if they should add a Psychiatric NP's as an approved supervisor to the current bill. The Board decided to add the topic of determining approved supervisors to the April agenda for discussion.

### **Review of Additional 1:1 hours for Tabled Application for Wanda (Mills) Blanco**

The Board reviewed and discussed the additional supervision form submitted to verify the additional acquired 1:1 hours for Ms. Blanco's license application. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to

accept the additional 1:1 hours and approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH for Ms. Blanco. Dr. Mullen was recused. By majority vote, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of Application(s) for LACMH Licensure**

Kiara Clayton – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Clayton. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to table the application with a request to be sent for additional clarification as to why Ms. Clayton was not able to obtain a Delaware LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **Review of Application(s) for LPCMH**

Victoria Steele, NBCC – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Steele. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Paul Kovarcik, NBCC – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Mr. Kovarcik. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **Review of Application(s) for LCDP**

Samantha Hohrein, DCB-CADC – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Hohrein. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Ms. Vassas, to approve the application for licensure as a LCDP. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Kenwan Casson, DCB/CAADC – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Mr. Casson. The Board discussed that Mr. Casson did not meet the educational requirements pursuant to 24 Del. C. section 3044(a)(1) as he holds a Master's degree in Physical Education which does not include a minimum of 30 graduate semester hours in counseling or subjects closely related to counseling. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to propose to deny the application for Mr. Casson as he does not meet the education requirements pursuant to 24 Del. C. section 3044(a)(1). By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **Review of Application(s) for LMFT**

Taryn Sharkey – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Sharkey. Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as a LMFT. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **Status of Complaints**

Complaint #33-02-17 - Closed by Investigator

Complaint #33-02-16 - Closed by Investigator

Complaint #33-04-16 - Sent to the AG's Office

## **2016 Mental Health Audits - Total of 81 Licenses Audited**

Ms. Williams stated that there were a total of 81 licensees audited. The Board determined they will meet at 11:00 a.m. for the April meeting to begin review of the audits.

Review of Audit Extension Request for Tracie Beltran, LPCMH – The Board reviewed the letter of request from Ms. Beltran. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the extension request to allow Ms. Beltran an additional 30 days to submit her audit documentation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Vote for Mr. Cooper as the Delaware Delegate for the NBCC Annual Meeting in 2017**

Mr. Cooper stated that the Board needed to vote for him as the Delaware delegate to attend the NBCC 2017 annual meeting. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Ms. Vassas, to nominate Mr. Cooper as the Delaware delegate member to attend the NBCC 2017 annual meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Review of Transcript for Nicole Coviello – Ms. Singh advised that Ms. Coviello wants the Board to review her transcript to see if it meets the qualifications for LPCMH licensure to sit for the exam. The Board decided that Ms. Williams will send her a letter of response explaining that she will need to send her transcripts to NBCC directly to verify if she qualifies to sit for the National Counselor Exam (NCE).

Review of Letter from Saint Michael's College - Dr. Miller – The Board reviewed the letter and advised that in order to meet the qualifications for the education program they will need to go through NBCC directly to determine if their graduates will qualify to sit for the NCE once their Master's program is completed.

Review of Letter from The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) – the Board reviewed the letter submitted by the CRCC. The letter is asking the Board to look into licensure portability where they will accept other types of exams in lieu of the NCE to become a licensed professional counselor in DE, such as the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor exam (CRCE). The Board stated that the CRCC's request is already a matter of the Board's proposed changes for the near future as their current bill, HB 82, allows for other exams outside of the NCE to be taken into consideration towards licensure.

**Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)**

There was no other business before the board for discussion.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Shelby Collatrella addressed the Board and asked if counselors are required to report elder abuse and if so under what circumstances. Dr. Grande advised that the mandate is for children or other licensed professionals that violate the code to report as a mandatory duty to report. The Board advised Ms. Collatrella to seek further clarification and advice from NBCC and a Delaware attorney.

**Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is May 24, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware. The Board is meeting earlier to allow for time to review audits received.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Madl-Young made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole M. Williams" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole M. Williams  
Administrative Specialist III  
Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*